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THE COURT: Please be seated. All right. Good morning, everybody. We're on the April 25, 2023 9:00 a.m. docket. We have the Tuesday Morning Corporation and affiliated cases, jointly administered under Case 23-90001. Let me pull up my screen here real quick. All right. And while that's coming up, let me tell you all who I have as far as electronic appearances today, in no particular order.

We have Mr. Mintz, Mr. Schodek, Mr. Koff, and Ms. Curran on behalf of Invictus Global Management.

We have Mr. Simon on behalf of the 1903 Parties.

We have Mr. Monsour and Mr. Kaplan on behalf of the Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee.

We have Mr. Riedel and Mr. Mather on behalf of the TASCR Parties.

And we have Ms. Schmidt on behalf of the United States Trustee.

So let me go ahead and take additional appearances at this time, starting with folks in the courtroom.

MR. PROSTOK: Good morning, Your Honor. Jeff Prostok; Forshey Prostok; for Invictus.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Prostok.

MR. LIPPMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. Kevin Lippman with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr appearing on behalf of the Debtors.

1 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lippman. 2 And do we have folks on WebEx wishing to make a live 3 appearance? I see we have Mr. Phelan. 4 MR. PHELAN: Robin Phelan for the Debtors. 5 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Stohner? MR. STOHNER: Yes, Your Honor. Ken Stohner of 6 7 Jackson Walker on behalf of the Term Loan Lenders. 8 THE COURT: All right. I see Mr. Ellis. 9 MR. ELLIS: Good morning. Justin Ellis, MoloLamken, 10 for Invictus. THE COURT: All right. Very good. And I see Mr. 11 12 Marshall. 13 MR. MARSHALL: Yes. Good morning, Your Honor. Jonathan Marshall of Choate, Hall & Stewart on behalf of Wells 14 15 Fargo Bank as Prepetition ABL Agent. 16 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. 17 All right. Any other appearances on WebEx? 18 All right. Well, I see I've got Mr. Prostok and Mr. 19 Lippman up at the lectern here together, which bodes well, I'm 20 thinking, for today's proceedings. So let me turn it over to 21 you all. Hopefully you won't arm-wrestle to compete on who is 22 going to talk first. But tell me where we're at. 23 MR. LIPPMAN: Your Honor, I think we are in a good

position today. The parties used the time last night, and

more importantly, this morning, to come to an agreement to

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announce to the Court on how to address the matter before the Court. And if I may, I'll just briefly tell the Court what it is.

THE COURT: Okay. Great.

MR. LIPPMAN: With respect to the borrowing request that the Debtor had made in the approximate amount of \$9.9 million -- it's what's reflected on our Debtor's Exhibit H -- the Debtors have agreed to pull out the request for approximately \$2.5 million. It's the occupancy cost amount. What that will do is drop the request to \$7,498,573.59.

Invictus has agreed to fund that tomorrow morning via wire. The Debtors have agreed that those dollars that have -- are being advanced under -- to the Debtors under this 1903 DIP will be paid at closing, excluding any fees, costs, or expenses, and as to that all rights are being reserved. But the important thing is the dollars that are actually being advanced or remain -- have -- previously advanced to the extent there's a balance, all get paid at closing as a closing expense.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Prostok?

MR. PROSTOK: Yes, Your Honor. And the other condition that I think is agreed to is that there'll be no objection to the immediate repayment by either the Debtor or the Committee. That's an important point to Invictus, that at the close that these dollars advanced will actually be repaid

and there won't be any type of arguments in that regard. And I think that's the deal.

Your Honor, we appreciate the Court's help in getting there. Your Honor's words were not lost on the parties. And, you know, we appreciate the Debtor and the Committee's cooperation on this. We think all parties really came together. I think it's a positive sign moving forward. But we want to thank the Court for helping us get there.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let me just open the floor. Is there anybody else that wishes to be heard in relation to today's announcement by the parties?

All right. Then let me just make the comment --

MR. COOLEY: Your Honor?

THE COURT: Oh, go ahead.

MR. COOLEY: Sorry, Your Honor. This is Michael
Cooley from Reed Smith. I represent various landlords in the
case, together with --

THE COURT: And why don't you --

MR. COOLEY: -- Ms. Heilman.

THE COURT: Sure, sure. Why don't you, because there hasn't been a formal appearance, why don't you tell us who it is that you're appearing on behalf of.

MR. COOLEY: Yes, Your Honor. This is Michael Cooley from Reed Smith appearing for what I think the Court has colloquially referred to as the Brixmor Landlords, which are

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not all affiliated with Brixmor but that's the first name on the list and sort of the list that the Court has colloquially used in these proceedings.

And I just wanted to interject for a moment with a question, which was if the parties could clarify what was meant by occupancy costs that are being pulled out of the budget.

THE COURT: So let me just ask, were you here yesterday?

MR. COOLEY: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. So we --

MR. COOLEY: I was here for portions of the hearing yesterday.

THE COURT: So we obviously spent a fair amount of time. Frankly, I think we had we had testimony that went over it a fair amount of time. Is there something about the testimony that you didn't understand?

MR. COOLEY: No, Your Honor, but I wasn't here for all of the hearing. I caught portions of it yesterday, I confess.

THE COURT: All right. Well, do you care to --

MR. LIPPMAN: Can I give one clarification?

THE COURT: -- address it?

MR. LIPPMAN: I'll respond, Your Honor.

It's not being pulled out of the budget. It's just being

pulled out of the draw request.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. COOLEY: Understood. Thank you.

THE COURT: So is there any other commentary you wish to provide? I'm not requiring it, but --

MR. LIPPMAN: You know, the Debtors --

MR. COOLEY: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right.

MR. PROSTOK: Your Honor, the only other thing is I think it might be helpful if the Committee could acknowledge that they're not going to make an objection at the close with respect to this draw. I think that's the agreement, but I'd like to hear that on the record, if possible.

THE COURT: Understood. Let me just kind of close the loop on if there is anybody else wishing to be heard. So let me -- I see Mr. Stohner has got his hand raised.

MR. STOHNER: Your Honor, I just wanted to be sure I heard correctly. The agreement, as I understand it, it's the actual funds being advanced, the approximately \$7.5 million, that would be repaid at closing, and any request for fees or other costs would be deferred subject to subsequent resolution by agreement or by the Court. Did I understand that correctly?

MR. LIPPMAN: Yes.

THE COURT: Not to split hairs, but I'm just going to

step out a little bit for I think what I would hear from Mr. Prostok, and certainly Mr. Mintz if he was here. I think that the point is that, undisputedly, the amount that is actually advanced will be repaid at closing. And then with respect to anything else, it just doesn't deal with that at all, that those issues will come up at the hearing however they come up at the hearing, but it's the point of whatever is being advanced under the current draw request will unquestionably in fact be paid at closing, period, end of sentence.

MR. PROSTOK: Correct, Your Honor.

MR. LIPPMAN: Correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Does that help?

MR. STOHNER: That does clarify, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WEISENBERG: Your Honor, if I may. This is Brent Weisenberg on behalf of the Official Committee.

You said what I couldn't have done as well as you did, and so I thought I would take up the opportunity to take Mr.

Prostok's invitation to confirm the Committee's agreement, which, again, is, as you accurately stated, the Committee will not oppose the repayment of the actual dollars lent pursuant to this draw, with all other rights reserved as to fees and any other amounts due.

THE COURT: Does that accurately get you where you

need, Mr. Prostok?

MR. PROSTOK: That's our understanding, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. So Mr. Prostok has confirmed that that's -- everybody is on the same page.

Any other comments or questions?

All right. Then let me tell you all that I do appreciate getting this sorted out. I think it's very important for -we're very close, it appears. And of course, I'm not -- I'm
leaving for Thursday whatever is going to happen on Thursday,
and I'm not trying to tell people one way or the other what
I'm hoping to see on Thursday, because, frankly, I haven't
reviewed everything that's come in on that. But I do think
that from the standpoint of just interim stability and
preserving value for all of the parties concerned, that this
was important.

So, putting aside all of the contentiousness that we had leading up to yesterday and what have you, I very much appreciate the parties and counsel working to just deal with this. Like I said, irrespective of the merits. Whether it conformed with the agreement or didn't conform with the agreement or it fit the order or it didn't fit the order or something's been violated or hasn't been violated, all those things, I think it was really important from a practical standpoint to just figure out, like I said, a path forward on stability so that we can get to the sales process and see

where we're at at the point of the sales process, which is -our hearing is, in fact, Thursday, --

MR. PROSTOK: Thursday.

THE COURT: -- correct?

MR. LIPPMAN: Correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. So, again, I appreciate you all getting that done.

If I could just ask you all -- you may already be working on it -- just maybe put together some sort of a simple order. I don't care if it has some of the buzz words that's similar to a settlement-type agreement where nobody's acknowledging right or wrong or whatever. You know what I mean? But just that the parties agree and stipulate to the following, to just resolve the issue and avoid the dispute. Like I said, kind of almost like settlement language. If you all want to put something together on that front so that we can memorialize what's been done, I would appreciate that.

MR. LIPPMAN: I'll be happy to do so, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And then I'll get that entered.

Just because you all are here and we have a number of folks on the line -- and I certainly don't want to put somebody in the position of stepping out prematurely if they're not ready to -- but is there anything at all that -- any sense of how things are looking for Thursday in terms of -- we're booked for the afternoon. Are things looking like we

might actually get there by the afternoon, or is that just a question mark at this point?

What I'm trying to do is figure out from a staffing standpoint if I need to be thinking about basically looking at Friday as a possible overflow date.

MR. LIPPMAN: Your Honor, we're going to have a lot of objections filed, because a lot of people just had questions of reservation of rights. A lot of it is, we believe, could probably fall into the category of getting the language to address parties' concerns.

Without getting too far ahead or too detailed at this time, there will be other issues the Court is going to have to weigh.

We're hopeful we'll be able to finish Thursday evening.

It's important -- everything has been baked into this with the contemplation of a Friday closing. And so we will run into some issues we'll have to address if we're not in a position to close on Friday.

THE COURT: All right. And just give me a -- well, let me just say, that was pretty generic, and I appreciate it. It tells me a lot of what I need to know. Again, not trying to put people to the paces of disclosing things prematurely, because certainly that's not my objective, but is there anybody that wishes to respond at all to the report that Mr. Lippman has provided?

MR. PROSTOK: Your Honor, --

MR. WEISENBERG: Your Honor, if I may. This is Brent Weisenberg on behalf of the Committee again.

To my knowledge, there has been no objection to the sale itself. Parties in interest have objected or expressed concerns about seeing the relevant agreement or about disposition of the proceeds, but again, as far as the Committee is concerned, no party in interest is opposing the actual sale to Hilco.

THE COURT: Got it. Okay. And let me just -- I know there's been a number of stipulations on extending deadlines and what have you that have come down the pike. And, quite frankly, I didn't really pay attention to those, I just figured you all are doing what you need to do, and I wanted to help facilitate that.

But just for my own sanity, generally speaking, what does the landscape look like in terms of these extended objection deadlines? Is it Wednesday at 5:00? Is it Wednesday at 10:00 p.m.? I'm just trying to figure out, you know, --

MR. PROSTOK: We filed our response, Your Honor, Sunday, which was our extended deadline.

MR. LIPPMAN: Yeah. Most of the extensions went through yesterday, if I may recall. There might have been a few that could have gone through today. Honestly, I haven't been closely monitoring it. So that's why you're starting to

see reservation of rights and comments being filed, because the deadlines for those existing stipulations have ran for most of them.

I remain optimistic. For most of those parties, I think it's a language issue ultimately that it comes down to.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, that's helpful. Again, just part of what I was asking, the reason I'm asking is just trying to gauge from a stamina standpoint being prepared to know how much I need to be ready to be reviewing stuff at the last second. So that's helpful.

Mr. Stohner? Oh, there you go. I know you had a hand raised earlier. It looks like maybe that was an old one and it's just gone away. Unless you had something. Well, okay, there's a new one. All right. Go ahead. I think you might be on mute. So, we can see your lips moving but we can't hear you.

MR. STOHNER: I apologize, Your Honor.

In follow-up to Mr. Weisenberg's comment, it's my sense that what has been filed today is there seems to be no objection to the sale. My sense, and I may be missing some things that could come up, is whether there is any issue regarding the holding of all proceeds. Obviously, this new funding has already been dealt with today, and that's understandable. But the only other issue, which I don't think one is on the table, but is if there is any request that there

be any other distribution of proceeds now versus the Court determining that with all parties reserving rights relative to that. So I'd just make that point of clarification as a follow-up to Mr. Weisenberg.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, you've triggered now a hand-raise from Mr. Riedel, so let me hear from him as well.

MR. RIEDEL: Your Honor, I'll also follow up on Mr. Weisenberg, but to a different point. One of our concerns is we haven't seen the sale agreement and we haven't seen a proposed order. So just in the interest of trying to move things along, if we can see the actual agreement and any proposed order in advance, that would be helpful and expedite and I think streamline the hearing.

THE COURT: Perfect. Okay. I appreciate the comment.

And not to put you on the hot seat here, Mr. Lippman, but do you have a sense of when those might be filed so that it's being pushed out to folks?

MR. LIPPMAN: I may get shot by my team for saying this. Hopefully, the intent is today.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LIPPMAN: I know there were calls and exchanges into late last night with Hilco trying to finalize the final details. I'm not aware of anything that should delay it much longer. But we understand the importance of getting there,

and we're -- and it's our intent to get it on file as soon as we can. Obviously, I may get shot from my team.

THE COURT: I mean, that's fair.

MR. LIPPMAN: If I'm not getting (garbled) to my skis, but we understand the importance.

THE COURT: Okay. Yes. And let me state the obvious, which I'm sure you would appreciate, too, which is if we have a situation where folks are having a little bit of a challenge finalizing Schedule 6.15 of the APA, let's not make that be the hang-up, if we have to put a slip sheet in there saying "Still being finalized" or something. I think probably it's more important to get the substance out to folks sooner rather than later, even if there's a schedule here or there that needs to be supplemented at the end of the day or whatever, even if it's pretty last second.

MR. LIPPMAN: Understood. And just to make sure the record is clear, the delay is not because of anyone not giving attention, acting in bad faith, or there's a big issue that I'm aware of. It's just a lot of schedules, issues that have to be finalized. There's nothing that I can report to the Court or even suggest to the Court is because parties have been not giving it the due attention it needs.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, then I think that will wrap things up for today. I appreciate the report. And like I said, that gives me a little bit of sense on timing

and what we're looking at so that we can make sure that we're committing the appropriate level of resources.

MR. PROSTOK: And Your Honor, if it's acceptable, if things change or -- would it be possible to reach out to the Court and give you a heads up as we get closer to the hearing?

THE COURT: Certainly. Certainly.

MR. PROSTOK: Okay. Thank you.

THE COURT: Yes. If you'll just communicate. Do it on a collective basis --

MR. PROSTOK: Sure.

THE COURT: -- with all the key folks to my courtroom deputy. But certainly if there's -- one way or the other, if it looks like, from a timing standpoint in particular, we're either going to need a lot more time than we thought or things may be really coming together, certainly we'd appreciate that, because then we, like I said, can appropriately try to orchestrate things on our end to make sure that the staffing is in place to accommodate those needs or to potentially, if we have other things bubbling up that we might need Friday for, for example, that we've got that available for the other matters. Okay?

MR. PROSTOK: Certainly, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Well, very good.

MR. PROSTOK: Thank you.

THE COURT: Let me again just thank you all for your

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